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Carolina Public Service Commission
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Re: Proposed Duke Power Line New Right of Way

Dear South Carolina Public Service Commissioners:

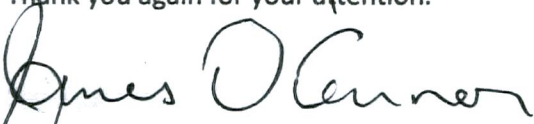
Thank you for your consideration of my letter. I am writing in very strong opposition to Duke Power having any new rights of way in the South Carolina Upstate. This is such an ill-conceived and disastrous idea, I wonder if Duke is presenting it as a political ploy just to get approval of a less onerous proposal later. Please refuse Duke's proposal when it is presented.

A few comments:

1. The proposed line will cause great harm to the natural areas of South Carolina that create great social value, quality of life value, and economic value. This is a cost that should be fully recognized.
2. Duke has presented thin justification for the need for this line, much less one that justifies the great cost.
3. I am an engineer who often has to find innovative solutions to technical problems. Duke should be required to find innovative solutions to their needs that do not require new rights-of-way. Duke is operating with lazy, self-serving nineteenth and twentieth century thinking.

Duke's proposal is not in the public's interest, especially the South Carolina public's. As guardians of the public interest, please refuse any Duke requests for new rights of way. Duke should find innovative ways to meet the energy needs of its customers without destroying an irreplaceable natural heritage we were bequeathed and that we bequeath to our children, grandchildren and all future family members after them.

Thank you again for your attention.



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